

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of aesthetically altering articles of clothing with user created images using a computer system having a display monitor, one or more input devices and a printer, said method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one article of clothing defining a plurality of surfaces;

providing a plurality of printable cloth laminate sheets, wherein said printable cloth laminate sheet is die cut into one or more sections to define a plurality of peelable blank covers within said printable cloth laminate sheet;

displaying on a display monitor said at least one article of clothing;

displaying on a display monitor at least one image design;

selecting at least one image design for use on said article of clothing to provide a selected image design;

displaying on a display monitor said at least one article of clothing having said at least one selected image design

1 thereon;

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3 printing said at least one selected image design upon said
4 blank cover to produce a printed cover; and

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6 applying one or more of said printed covers to one or more
7 surfaces of said at least one clothing accessory;

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9 whereby said at least one article of clothing is
10 aesthetically altered.

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12 2. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
13 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said steps
14 further include:

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16 providing a peripheral device constructed and arranged for
17 importing or storing at least one image design;

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19 displaying on said display monitor at least one imported
20 image design obtained from said peripheral device;

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22 selecting an imported image design for use on said at
23 least one article of clothing to provide at least one selected
24 imported image design;

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26 displaying on a display monitor said at least one article

1 of clothing having said at least one selected imported image
2 design thereon;

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4 printing said at least one selected imported image design
5 upon said blank covers to produce printed cover cutouts; and

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7 applying one or more of said printed cover cutouts to one
8 or more surfaces of said at least one article of clothing.

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10 3. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
11 article of clothing as set forth in claim 2 wherein said
12 peripheral device imports or stores at least one image design
13 from the world wide web.

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15 4. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
16 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said
17 printable cloth laminate sheets include a printable cloth sheet
18 releasably adhered to a release sheet, said printable cloth
19 sheet including a first indicia side for printing thereon and
20 a second adhesive side having pressure sensitive adhesive
21 thereon, said release sheet having at least one side coated
22 with a release agent, whereby said pressure sensitive adhesive
23 releasably adheres said printable cloth sheet to said release
24 sheet, whereby said pressure sensitive adhesive remains on said

1 printable cloth sheet upon removal of said printable cloth
2 sheet from said release sheet.

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4 5. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
5 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said at
6 least one article of clothing is a pair of shoes.

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8 6. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
9 article of clothing as set forth in claim 5 wherein said die
10 cut printable cloth covers are generally rectangular in shape
11 and generally sized to fit a foot strap on a standard slide
12 type shoe.

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14 7. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
15 article of clothing as set forth in claim 5 wherein said die
16 cut printable cloth covers are generally rectangular in shape
17 and generally sized to fit a foot strap on a standard sandal
18 type shoe.

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20 8. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
21 article of clothing as set forth in claim 5 wherein said die
22 cut printable cloth covers are generally shaped and generally
23 sized to fit a front portion on a standard mule type shoe.

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1 9. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
2 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said at
3 least one article of clothing is a belt.

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5 10. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
6 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said at
7 least one article clothing is a hat.

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9 11. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
10 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said at
11 least one article of clothing is a purse.

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13 12. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
14 article of clothing as set forth in claim 1 wherein said
15 printable cloth sheet includes embossing thereon.

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17 13. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
18 article of clothing as set forth in claim 2 wherein said
19 peripheral device is a scanner, wherein said scanner is
20 constructed and arranged for communication with said computer
21 system, whereby said scanner is constructed and arranged to
22 scan an object and transfer a digital image of said object to
23 said computer system.

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1 14. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
2 article of clothing as set forth in claim 2 wherein said
3 peripheral device is a color copier, wherein said color copier
4 is constructed and arranged for communication with said
5 computer system, whereby said color copier is constructed and
6 arranged to scan an object and transfer a digital image of said
7 object to said computer system.

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9 15. The method of aesthetically enhancing at least one
10 article of clothing as set forth in claim 2 wherein said
11 peripheral device is a digital camera, wherein said digital
12 camera is constructed and arranged for communication with said
13 computer system, whereby said digital camera is constructed and
14 arranged to photograph an object and transfer a digital copy of
15 said photograph to said computer system.

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17 16. A kit for aesthetically altering at least one article
18 of clothing with user created images using a computer system
19 having a display monitor, one or more input devices, desktop
20 publishing software and a printer comprising:

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22 at least one printable cloth laminate sheet, wherein said
23 printable cloth laminate sheet includes a printable cloth sheet
24 layer and a release sheet layer, said printable cloth sheet

1 layer including a first indicia side for printing thereon and
2 a second adhesive side having pressure sensitive adhesive
3 thereon, said release sheet layer having at least one side
4 coated with a release agent, whereby said pressure sensitive
5 adhesive releasably adheres said printable cloth sheet to said
6 release sheet, whereby said pressure sensitive adhesive remains
7 on said printable cloth sheet upon removal of said printable
8 cloth sheet from said release sheet;

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10 a software program adapted for interfacing with said
11 preexisting desktop publishing software, wherein said software
12 is constructed and arranged to set forth sequential displays
13 appearing upon said display monitor for carrying forward the
14 operations required to produce a printed cloth cover having a
15 user-created design which may be applied to said at least one
16 article of clothing;

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18 whereby said printable cloth sheet layer is removable from
19 said release sheet layer and whereby said pressure sensitive
20 adhesive remains on said printable cloth sheet layer upon
21 removal of said printable cloth sheet layer from said release
22 sheet layer and whereby said exposed second adhesive side of
23 said printable cloth sheet layer is adhered to said at least
24 one article of clothing, whereby said at least one article of

1 clothing is modified to contain a user-created image thereon.
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3 17. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
4 article of clothing with user created images as described in
5 claim 16 wherein said printable cloth sheet layer is die cut
6 into one or more sections to define a plurality of peelable
7 blank cloth covers within said printable cloth laminate sheet.
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9 18. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
10 article of clothing with user created images as described in
11 claim 17 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
12 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally shaped and
13 generally sized to fit a surface on a belt.
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15 19. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
16 article of clothing with user created images as described in
17 claim 17 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
18 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally shaped and
19 generally sized to fit a surface on a hat.
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21 20. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
22 article of clothing with user created images as described in
23 claim 17 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
24 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally shaped and

1 generally sized to fit a surface on a purse.

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3 21. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
4 article of clothing with user created images as described in
5 claim 17 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
6 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally shaped and
7 generally sized to fit a surface on a pair of shoes.

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9 22. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
10 article of clothing with user created images as described in
11 claim 21 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
12 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally rectangular in
13 shape and generally sized to fit a foot strap on a standard
14 slide type shoe.

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16 23. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
17 article of clothing with user created images as described in
18 claim 21 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
19 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally rectangular in
20 shape and generally sized to fit a foot strap on a standard
21 sandal type shoe.

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23 24. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
24 article of clothing with user created images as described in

1 claim 21 wherein said peelable blank cloth covers within said
2 printable cloth laminate sheet are generally shaped and
3 generally sized to fit a front portion on a standard mule type
4 shoe.

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6 25. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
7 article of clothing with user created images as described in
8 claim 17 wherein said printable cloth sheet includes embossing
9 thereon.

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11 26. The kit for aesthetically altering at least one
12 article of clothing with user created images as described in
13 claim 16 wherein said adhesive on said second side of said
14 printable cloth sheet is a hot melt adhesive;

15 whereby said peelable cloth covers are adhered to a
16 surface of said at least one article of clothing by heating
17 said peelable cloth covers.

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